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2. Merchant ship traffic was heavy. A 15,000-ton passenger ship, possibly undergoing repairs, was moored at Point No. 1. Several steamers were moored at Point No. 2. A tanker was under repair in a floating drydock in the naval harbor. The Rumanian steamship TRANSYLVANIA arrived in port. This ship apparently was on a regular schedule and made trips between Odessa, Constanta, and Durazzo.

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3. Each ship which entered the port had to be accompanied by an icebreaker. Odessa was the only port in the northern Black Sea area which was open to traffic. All other ports were blocked by ice. the icebreaker MAKAROV was sunk during the war and the icebreaker KRASSIN was on duty in the port of Vladivostok. The icebreaker TOROS was operating in Odessa.

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4. There were two double railroad tracks on the pier. Between the tracks there were piles of coal. (See sketch.) The coal was transported to the pier in large railroad cars, each of which had a capacity of about 20 tons. Bucket cranes loaded the coal into ships. Under normal conditions, it was possible to load a 3,000-ton vessel in one day. However, cold weather hampered the loading. dock workers were heating the water outlets on the pier with gaso-line lamps. The water pipes leading to the pier apparently were frozen. There were some self-propelled tractors on the pier which were used to lift cargo. Each tractor had a sort of movable platform on which crates were lifted from the pier to the deck of the ship. some large crates, ten meters by three meters by three meters, among the piles of mixed cargo on the quay. (See sketch). The average height of the piers above the water was about two meters.

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5. [redacted] a Soviet cruiser was observed leaving port. This vessel resembled a cruiser of the DUCA D'AOSTA Class in displacement, number and location of stacks, and location and structure of the bridge. The cruiser had the following armament: two large gun turrets, one forward and one aft; six barbets, three to port and three to starboard, with guns of fairly large caliber; and a complex of machine guns forward and far aft. On the foremast of the ship there was a truncated parabolic radar antenna approximately 150 meters by 50 meters.
6. [redacted] a submarine of medium tonnage entered port. [redacted] visibility was poor. No radar or radio antennae were observed in the port area.

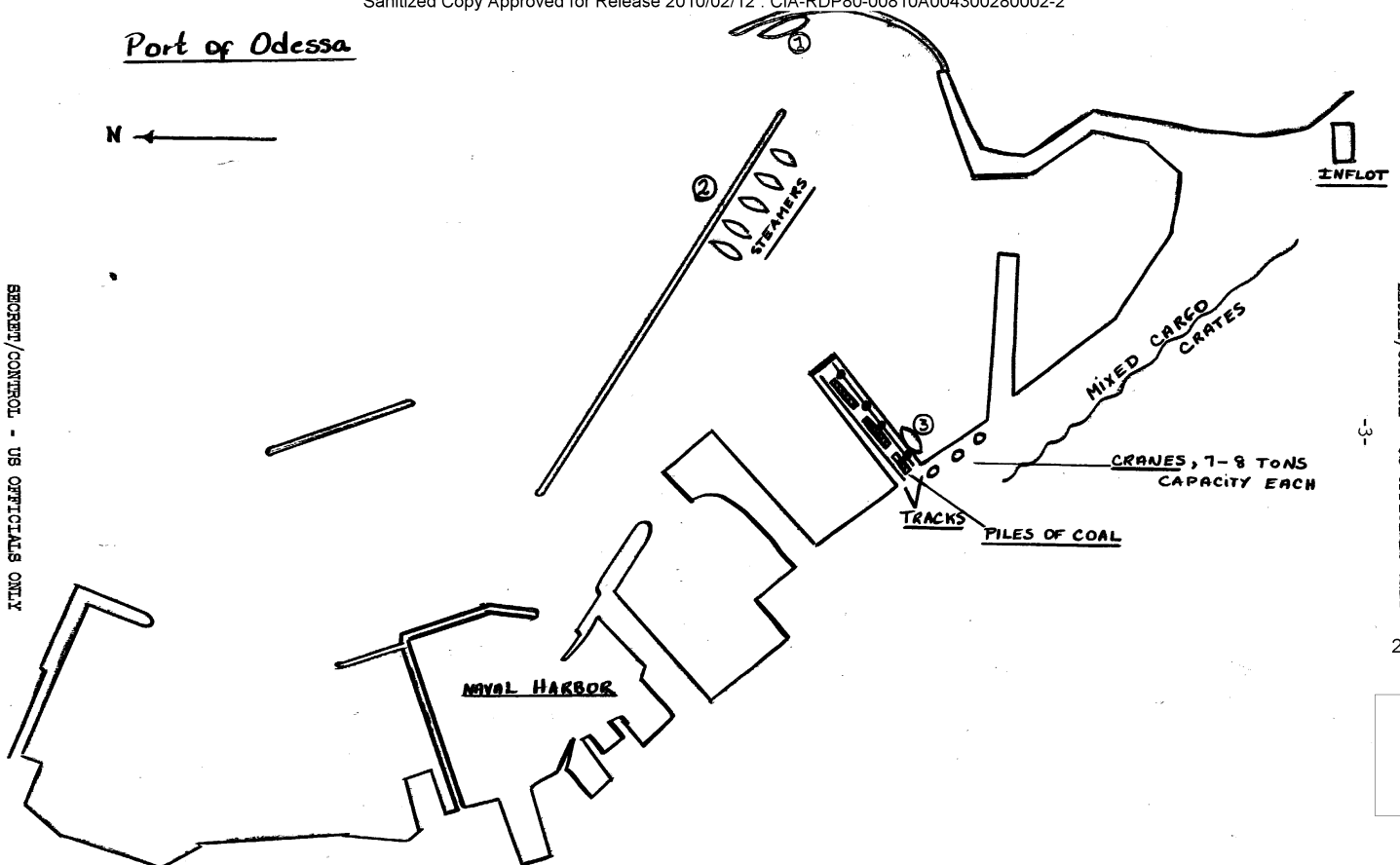
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